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**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF CLAIM FOR FOREIGN PRIORITY**

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Sir:

In reviewing the above-identified application file, the undersigned has noted that the Examiner has not acknowledged receipt of claim for foreign priority filed in PCT Case (PCT/JP00/07639). The Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document (Form PCT/IB/304) indicates that the applicant or International Bureau did submit the priority document to the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the claim for foreign priority and the certified priority document.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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